AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 1-28, as follows:

Nest base assembly **200** is shown in **Figure 2**. Base assembly **200** provides the means to register and retain pogo pin socket **204** and provides the structural base to support and register the air cylinder and coldplate assembly with respect to the DUT. Nest base assembly **200** preferably includes pogo pin socket **204**, although other LGA socket technologies are applicable, which is clamped to test board **206**, also referred to herein as a "card", between backside stiffener **218** and topside clamp plate **202** using screw **216** that extend through stiffener **218**, insulator **210**, test board [[card]] **206**, socket **204** and engage threaded holes in clamp plate **202**. Backside stiffener **218** is preferably included to limit deformation of test board **206** and socket **204** under the high load required to actuate socket **204** and electrically connect the DUT and the test board **206**. A G10 insulator **210** or similar material is preferably used to insulate pads and other electrically conductive features on test board **206** from backside stiffener **218**, which is preferably metallic. Backside stiffener **218** also preferably includes a pair of cartridge heaters **212** which are controlled by the test control code and are used to retard backside condensation. Heaters **212** are held in place by heater retainers **214**. One advantage of clamping socket **204** to test board [[card]] **206** between two semi-rigid structures (*i.e.*, backside stiffener **218** and topside clamp plate **202**) is the reduction of the effect of moisture absorption in the socket body plastic, which can distort some critical dimensions in the socket **204**.